

## BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements January 7, 2021

### Events

#### **Submit your session ideas for Efficiency Exchange 2021!**

Energy-efficiency professionals are invited to submit topics for sessions, and share ideas for speakers and topics for opening/closing sessions. Deadline for submission is end of day on Friday, Jan. 29. [Submit a topic here.](#)

Efficiency Exchange, or EFX, is the Northwest's premier energy-efficiency networking and learning conference. EFX21 will convene virtually on May 25-27, 2021. Attendees from public and private utilities, consulting and research firms, nonprofit organizations and government will come together to learn and connect across the region.

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#### **BPA webinar: Residential ductless heat pumps in the next rate period**

Join BPA for a webinar from noon-1 p.m. (PST) on Thursday, Jan. 7. During this webinar, presenters will outline BPA's proposed residential ductless heat pump, or DHP, specification...[More](#)

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#### **BPA webinar: Announcing Comfort Ready Home**

Join BPA from noon-1 p.m. (PST) on Thursday, Jan. 14, for a one-hour webinar to introduce the services available from the new residential support services program, Comfort Ready Home...[More](#)

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#### **Low-Income Workgroup discussion**

Join BPA from 1-3:30 p.m. (PST) on Tuesday, Jan. 19, for the next Low-Income Workgroup



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virtual discussion. The session will cover upcoming legislation and policy changes, and there will be time for discussion and opportunities to ask questions...[More](#)

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**BPA webinar: BPA incentives for oil-filled distribution transformers**

Join BPA for a webinar from noon–1 p.m. (PST) on Thursday, Jan. 28 for a webinar that demonstrates opportunities for its customers to receive incentives for the purchase and operation of higher-efficiency distribution transformers. The baseline efficiency for this measure is the Department of Energy 2016 Standard, or DOE-2016 Standard. Amorphous-core transformers easily beat the DOE-2016 Standard, but are not a requirement for the incentive. Come learn why this is true. The webinar will address the ferro-resonance question and the impact of harmonics on transformer losses. It will also demonstrate the use of the reconductor and transformer calculator, or RT calculator, for this application. In addition, a guest from BC Hydro technical staff will share their work and learnings on amorphous-core distribution transformers...[More](#)

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**General**

**Hemp in the Energy-Efficiency Program**

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the controlled substances list and retained USDA regulation of hemp production. USDA issued an interim rule governing production of industrial hemp on Oct. 29, 2019...[More](#)

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**Flexibility on direct install measures**

Earlier in 2020, BPA announced it would temporarily allow virtual verification of direct install measures — due to limitations created by the Covid-19 pandemic — until Dec. 31, 2020...[More](#)

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**Take five minutes to send your feedback! Help us with our New Year's resolution**

BPA's Momentum Savings and market research team is embarking on a new education and outreach campaign. In less than five minutes, your feedback will inform our upcoming

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campaign. Please lend a hand and respond to [our quick survey](#) by Friday, Jan. 15. Thank you and happy New Year!

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## Reminders

### **Performance Tested Comfort Systems remote quality assurance inspections**

The Performance Tested Comfort Systems program, or PTCS, is piloting remote quality assurance, or QA, inspections of PTCS air source heat pumps to improve the program and reduce costs. To increase uptake across the region, PTCS is offering a \$250 contractor Sales Performance Incentive Fund, or SPIF...[More](#)

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